

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 5, 2006

PRESENT:	LouAnn Christensen	Mayor
	Jon Adams	Councilmember
	Holly Bell	Councilmember
	Alden Farr	Councilmember
	Steve Hill	Councilmember
	Reese Jensen	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Ben Boyce	Director of Parks and Recreation
	Jim Buchanan	Director of Emergency Services
	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Jared Johnson	Building Official
	Paul Larsen	Director of Economic Development
	Bruce Leonard	Director of Public Works
	Mike Nelsen	Police Lieutenant
	Darin McFarland	Superintendent of Street Department
	Dennis Sheffield	Director of Finance
	Don Tingey	City Administrator
	Paul Tittensor	Chief of Police
	Alan Wright	Director of Public Power

Mayor Christensen called the meeting to order. Councilmember Jensen gave a prayer as part of the reference period. The scouts in the audience led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes. Mayor Christensen noted that during the recognition of Councilmember Marabella, "realty" should be "reality." A motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2005 Council Meeting as amended was made by Councilmember Bell. The motion was seconded and carried. Mayor Christensen presented the agenda as follows:

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

PRESENTATION OF AMBASSADOR AWARDS

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT

- Reappointment to Volunteers in Police Service Council
- Reappointments to Citizens Corps Council
- Request for Approval of Fire and Ambulance Department Officers
- Request to Write-off Accounts Due to Resident Taking Out Bankruptcy or Being Sent to Collections
- Request for Approval of Mutual Aid Agreement with UAMPS
- Resolution Affirming Sewer Connection Policy

NEW BUSINESS

- Request Authorization to Prepare a Resolution for the Issuance of Storm Drainage Bonds
- Annual Engineering Report and Request for Approval of Amended Engineering Services Contract
- Request to Change Wording on Brigham City Arch

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Discussion of Young Donation to the City (*Tabled*)

CLAIMS

- Warrant Register

Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

Councilmember Bell nominated Councilmember Adams. Councilmember Farr seconded the nomination. Councilmember Adams was elected Mayor Pro Tem by unanimous decision.

PRESENTATION OF AMBASSADOR AWARDS

Mayor Christensen announced the first individual recipient of the Ambassador Award is Dixon Abbott from the Waste Treatment Department. He was nominated by David Coates. Dixon has provided a great amount of input on the GIS mapping program. He has identified all the sewer manholes in our system as well as the pipe size and type of sewer main lines. Having this information allows us to help our citizens with the location of their sewer laterals. One of Dixon's goals is to TV the entire sewer collection system, as budget allows. Mr. Coates wrote that "he frequently receives positive comments from citizens in the community regarding his courteous manner and how willing he is to assist them with their questions and problems. . . . Dixon consistently strives for excellence in his work environment and represents the City with professionalism and great enthusiasm."

The second individual recipient for 2005 was awarded to Dennis Vincent in the Police Department. He was nominated by Lt. Mike Nelsen. He wrote that "Sgt. Dennis Vincent was chosen from all of the law enforcement officers in the State of Utah to represent Utah in the Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg. Sgt. Vincent represented the State of Utah in the opening ceremonies in Nagano, Japan. Dennis was instrumental in running the Torch, also known as the 'Flame of Hope' throughout the country of Japan. Their mission was to create awareness and excitement for Special Olympics and the World Games, represent law enforcement and Torch Run Programs worldwide and in their state, and serve as ambassadors for law enforcement and fulfill the role of 'Guardians of the Flame' by maintaining the flame lit in Greece until the lighting of the cauldron at the world Games Opening Ceremonies. . . . I have heard from some of those that attended that Sgt. Dennis Vincent represented the State of Utah well and was truly an ambassador representing Brigham City Police Department as well as Utah Law Enforcement. Dennis has also been the first or second highest fund raiser for Special Olympics in Utah for the past several years."

The 2005 Team Award goes to Ben Boyce, Jolene Crockett and Paul Larsen for their work with the Heritage Arts Festival. They were nominated by Bruce Leonard and Mayor Christensen. The second annual Heritage Arts Festival was held on June 11, 2005. This festival was a huge success by any measure. The World War II theme was timely and often very emotional. The combined vision and efforts of these three individuals brought a large crowd of people together to watch performances, listen to music, watch and participate in the dancing, participate in arts and crafts, listen to lectures, and most of all have an enjoyable day in our beautiful community. A local resident, Kenneth C. Young, wrote, "A part of this festival that people never see is all the hard work that goes into putting it all together and we would like to express our appreciation to the following staffers that went out of their way to accommodate the veterans: Jolene Crockett, Ben Boyce and Paul Larsen. These people are true professionals and outstanding representatives of Brigham City. All the work crews went the extra mile in my opinion under their guidance and supervision." Paul Larsen and Ben Boyce are supervisors, so are not eligible for an award, but their name will be placed on the plaque.

The second Team Ambassador Award was presented to Darin McFarland, Bert Velasquez, Boyd Cook, Robert Neville, Mike Kilburn, Eldon Thompson, Buck Goforth, Bob Gates, Wayne Kotter, Roger Watkins, Trevor Nelson, Nate Lee, Karl Drewes, Shaun Bess, Noel Cochran, Scott Checketts, Trent Reeder and Richard Ricks. These individuals make up the Creek Cleaning Crew. They were nominated by Bruce Leonard. Mr. Leonard stated in his nomination letter that Webster's Dictionary defines hero as "a man admired for his achievements and noble qualities." He wrote that in his opinion, "this definition was manifested in a handful of City employees and volunteers when they were assigned the tremendous task of recovering and mitigating the damage sustained by the natural flooding disaster. . . . With overwhelming enthusiasm, they tackled and completed the majority of the project. The synergy deployed saved our City hundreds of thousands of dollars. Their unselfish attitudes have deeply touched the hearts and souls of us all." Mayor Christensen explained that Darin McFarland and Bert Velasquez will be on the plaque, they will not receive an award because they are superintendents. This is the same for Trent Reeder and Richard Ricks because they are temporary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT

Reappointment to Volunteers in Police Service Council

It was recommended Maryann Barnett to serve another term on the Volunteers in Police Service Council.

Reappointments to Citizens Corps Council

It was also recommended Boyd Young, Marsha Haynie and Sid Jensen be reappointed to the Citizens Corps Council.

Request for Approval of Fire and Ambulance Department Officers

The Fire Department nominated the following officers for 2006: Fire Chief, Noel Cochran; Assistant Fire Chief, Mike Young; 1st Captain, Clint Anderson; 2nd Captain, Jerry Petersen; 1st Lt., Brian Nawyn; 2nd Lt., Dustin Yeates; Secretary, Casey Claybaugh; Treasurer, Ward Secrist. The Ambulance Department also nominated their officers for 2006: Chief, Mike Setzer; Assistant Chief, Gregg Weight; Secretary, April Shy; Training Officer, Christie Petersen; Training Coordinator, Karen Burns.

Request to Write-off Accounts Due to Resident Taking Out Bankruptcy or Being Sent to Collections

A list of accounts totaling \$8,995.10 was presented to be removed from the City's system due to the customer taking out bankruptcy or being sent to collections.

Request for Approval of Mutual Aid Agreement with UAMPS

An agreement with UAMPS was presented for approval.

Resolution Affirming Sewer Connection Policy

This resolution affirms the current practice and policy of how residents and business owners are charged a monthly sewer rate if not connected to the City system, but are within 200' of the sewer main and are able to connect.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Farr and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request Authorization to Prepare a Resolution for the Issuance of Storm Drainage Bonds

Brett Jones and Kent Jones, City Engineers, Dennis Sheffield and Bruce Leonard came to the table. Mr. Brett Jones explained that interest rates have come down, so they reworked the numbers. He presented two options on a 12-year bond and two options on a 10-year bond. The Council asked them to look at bonding for the large projects, projects 1-4 and do pay as you go for the rest of the projects.

Councilmember Adams said the City is already behind on these projects, and there is some liability in some of these areas. He felt the projects are needed and are overdue.

Mr. Sheffield reminded the Council that it was the recommendation from the Public Utility Advisory Board (PUAB) that storm drain fees be increased in 2005 and again in 2006 and for the next several years. This bond does not anticipate the rate increases. He wanted it clear that the increase in rates in the 2006-07 budget does not reflect the issuance of these bonds. It is following the recommendation of the PUAB before the bonds were even discussed.

MOTION: Councilmember Farr made a motion to authorize preparation of the resolution for the issuance of storm drainage bonds for a 12-year bond for all projects. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Adams. In a discussion following the second, Councilmember Jensen suggested Mr. Leonard come back to the Council with a schedule of implementation. Councilmember Farr added this to his motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Annual Engineering Report and Request for Approval of Amended Engineering Services Contract

Mr. Brett Jones reviewed all the Brigham City projects they assisted with in 2005. He also reviewed proposed increases in their hourly rates. They are still very competitive with other engineering firms. He added that these rates include the costs for mileage, postage, computer time, long distance charges, copying and faxing.

MOTION: Councilmember Bell made a motion to accept Jones and Associates annual engineering report and the request for approval of the amended engineering services contract as outlined. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Adams and carried unanimously.

Request to Change Wording on Brigham City Arch

Mr. Paul Larsen came forward and explained that one of the things the City wants to do with economic development is capitalize on the presence of the Bird Refuge. The Education Center is going to be open within the next few weeks. There are a number of things they are doing to try and capitalize on the Refuge and birding tourism. He explained that the arch's original language read, "*Gateway to the World's Greatest Game Bird Sanctuary.*" Sometime between 1933 and 1955 the sign was changed to the current "*Gateway – World's Greatest Game Bird Refuge.*" He recommended the sign be changed to "*Gateway to the World's Greatest Wild Bird Sanctuary.*" He felt that this wording would let people know that the Refuge is interested in both the game aspect and the non-game aspect of birding. Pictures of the arch are used in a lot of marketing efforts. He talked with Al Trout and Betsy Beneky at the Refuge. Other than the word "sanctuary" they both like the change. They differ on whether it should say "sanctuary" or "refuge."

Councilmember Hill said he preferred refuge to sanctuary mostly because it has always been referred to as the Bear River Bird Refuge.

MOTION: Councilmember Hill made a motion to change the wording on Brigham City arch to "Gateway to the World's Greatest Wild Bird Refuge." The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bell and unanimously carried.

CLAIMS

Payment Register

Councilmember Bell moved to approve the Payment Register dated December 20, 2005, in the amount of \$1,652,787.21; for December 23, 2005, \$146,364.60; for December 30, 2005, \$60,771.50. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion to adjourn to an Executive Session was made by Councilmember Bell. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned to an Executive Session at 8:09 p.m. The Council returned to an open meeting at 9:57 p.m. and adjourned.